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Minden arena project begins

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

With the demolition of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena commencing May 1, the Minden Hills arena renewal project is underway.

The \$13-million project is being completed by the joint team of McDonald Brothers Construction and Parkin Architects Limited, who submitted the sole bid in response to a request for proposals from the Township of Minden Hills. The initial figure submitted in response to the RFP was \$10 million. However, that figure jumped to \$12 million after engineering assessments determined that the current arena would have to be demolished.

The arena was built in 1971 and engineering analysis determined that chloride salts that were used in the mortar during the building's construction have been eroding the block of its foundation for years, making it unable to bear the weight that would come along with a rebuild of the current structure.

The price tag jumped further when the size of the gymnasium was increased after a num-

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Demolition began last week on the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The arena was built in 1971 and engineering analysis found that chloride salts used in the mortar have been eroding the foundation for years. /DARREN LUM Staff

State of emergency ends in Minden Hills

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

A flood-related state of emergency that was declared by the Township of Minden Hills on April 24 was lifted by the township on the afternoon of Monday, May 6, and a flood warning for the MNRF's Bancroft District, which includes the Gull, Irondale and Burnt river watersheds has ended.

At press time, water levels remained high and residents were encouraged to remain vigilant. "The widespread and significant threat to safety of persons and property from the recent flooding of the Gull River and Burnt River watersheds have stabilized, yet due to anticipated weather events forecasting additional rainfall, the township will not be initiating recovery operations until water levels significantly decline," a May 6 release from the township reads. "Water levels are expected to stay high for the foreseeable future, and the ground continues to be saturated. The TSW continues to manage water flows throughout the systems, therefore it is strongly recommended that property owners who have a historical susceptibility to

flooding, continue to monitor their situation accordingly."

A number of roads in the township have been closed to all but local traffic during the past few weeks, and some washouts have occurred. In the village of Minden, many residents have sandbagged their properties, as the Gull River overtook the Minden Riverwalk and crept onto portions of roadways, including Invergordon Avenue and Anson Street.

Flood clean-up kits are available from the township, and those requiring one should call 705-286-1260, ext. 211, or after hours, 1-866-856-3247.



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Residents question Hwy 60 project noise

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

Council has asked staff for more information about a request to bypass the noise bylaw after hearing concerns from the Oxtongue Lake community about potential noise caused by a Highway 60 rehabilitation project.

According to a staff report brought to Algonquin Highlands council on May 2 by David Rogers, chief building official, the Ministry of Transportation is conducting the rehabilitation project on almost 21 km of Highway 60 from the intersection of Highway 35 to the Algonquin Park gates from May 2020 to September 2020. The project will include the use of excavators, backhoes, dump trucks, soil compactors and diesel generators.

An ask has been made from the MTO to be exempt from

Beware of flood scams

Haliburton Highlands OPP are warning the public about scams related to flooding in Ontario communities. Police recommend that anyone who wants to support fundraising should make sure they research the organization before making a donation.

Local municipal governments have advised that donations to the food bank or previously known and respected organizations are the best bet.

If you think you've become the victim of fraud, call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or online at antifraudcentre.ca.

the noise bylaw, for an extension of work hours from July 18 to Sept. 7 in order to complete the work as quickly as possible. Rogers said the request is a standard one.

Normal hours of operation due to a municipal noise bylaw allows for work between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with no construction on weekends, long weekends and early end times on Friday, but the request asks for the option to work extended hours from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday to Thursday.

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux said she had spoken to a "good number" of residents in Oxtongue Lake about the construction and potential noise disruption. She said while residents were grateful that work would be done on the road and that the intention was to get it done quickly, they had some

"The devil's in the detail for a lot of folk," said Dailloux. "They're obviously concerned about the noise continuing on until fairly late at night. The general consensus in the community has been, could we ask for a little bit more information from the ministry before making a final decision and the reason for that is three-fold."

The first point, Dailloux said, was that "generally people are saying, wouldn't it be nice if they could speed, speed, speed through the work until they hit the settlement of Oxtongue Lake and then go down to regular working hours again so that there isn't the noise going through the entire settlement for an undisclosed period of time as of yet, and then, as soon as they pass, continue on at the higher rate of speed."

She said the concern about that possible strategy was whether or not the nearby pit would be used.

"If they're planning on using the [pit], which is very loud

and the noise does carry considerably, if that's a July through September activity until 11 o'clock at night, then the good folks of Oxtongue Lake are saying, please, help us to salvage our summer and not allow that to happen."

Point number two, said Dailloux, is that on the assumption the pit would not be used late at night, and the increased rate could happen, residents were asking how much time would be required.

"If it's one night that they're going to be working until 11 p.m. then maybe that would be a great thing, just get it done and over with, but if it's over a two-week period of time,

Dailloux noted that Oxtongue Lake is home to about seven or eight resorts hosting about 1,000 people a night in the summertime, with most of those visitors coming for a week.

"So if you can imagine, you've got a week off for your summer vacation, you go up to the Blue Spruce or to Lakewoods or whatever it is and and you've got that noise going until 11 o'clock every night on your vacation, that's a complaints list as long as my arm and it's a hit to livelihoods potentially for the next summer. So they're really worried about how long the work will overlap at the settlement itself.'

The third point, Dailloux said, was that the construction schedule might coincide with "leaf-chasing season," which is already busy with cars and extra traffic, which meant that it might be better to rush through as quickly as possible.

"Those are all very good points," said Mayor Carol Moffatt, agreeing that more details would give residents the information they needed.





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Women who care give to dental outreach

100 Women Who Care executive members presented donations totalling \$5,900 from their membership on May 1 to board members of the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County. The 100 Women Who Care group meets for three one-hour meetings per year at the Dominion Hotel in Minden, hears three brief presentations on nominated local charitable organizations and democratically selects one to support at each meeting. In the photo from left, Betty Mills, Kathy Purc, Tina Palmer, Lisa Kerr, Sandra Slauenwhite-Box, Joan Featherstone and Elli Chamberlin (of the Dominion Hotel). The Volunteer Dental Outreach volunteer dental professionals provide free dental care to low income residents of Haliburton County and to date have helped 861 patients and provided over \$2.6 million worth of free dental care since opening in May 2011. For more information about 100 Women contact Joan at 100wwchaliburton@gmail.com or about VDO see www.dental-outreach.com. /Photo by Shawn Chamberlin



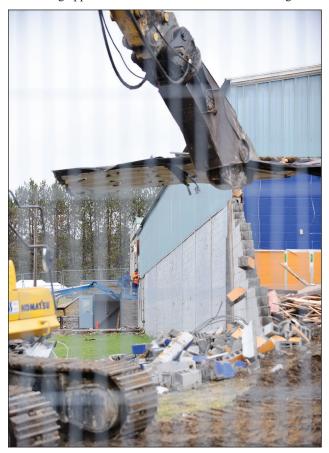
Project scheduled to be completed by fall of 2020

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ber of Minden Hills residents said following a public meeting in December that the proposed gymnasium was too small. There has also been criticism from some residents that, for its price tag, the facility contains no aquatic component. The project will include a new arena with a 200-foot rink and six change rooms as well as new office space for township staff, a new gymnasium, and renovations to the Minden Hills Community Centre, to which the arena is attached.

The Township of Minden Hills will waive all building permit fees and landfill tipping fees for the project, something not all members of council agreed with, at an April 25 council meeting.

As a staff report from bylaw officer Colin McKnight indicated, "Building permit and landfill tipping fees were noted as \$0.00 in the validation report provided to council on Feb. 14, 2019 as staff advised the contractor that a report to council seeking approval to waive the fees was forthcoming."



The demolition of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena began last week, as seen in this photo taken from behind the fence barrier that surrounds the building./ **DARREN LUM Staff**



The fees total more than \$100,000.

While waiving such fees for its projects has been a common practice for the township, Councillor Bob Carter said he thought the waiver meant disguising some of the project's

"It is an arena expense," Carter said during the April 25 council meeting.

Chief administrative officer and treasurer Lorrie Blanchard said that while that was true, were the township not to waive the fees, it would increase the overall expense of the project.

"It's all internal, so it's not cash is flowing one way or the other," Blanchard said.

Carter said he'd just like to see the true costs of the arena project all in one place.

"I'd like to see what the cost is, and not have bits and pieces of it spread throughout the budget," he said.

Councillor Pam Sayne agreed with Carter.

"To be clear and to be transparent, I think it's a good way to show what the arena's actually costing," Sayne said.

In February, Carter, Sayne and Councillor Jennifer Hughey voted against proceeding with the project, with Carter reiterating since he was elected in the fall that he had concerns with awarding a project with such a large price tag to a lone

"I'm fine with the way it is now, because we've done it so many times in the past," said Councillor Jean Neville, indicating the township did the same thing during the construction of the Highway 35 fire hall, for instance, or with the waiver of landfill tipping fees for flood-damaged building materials. "Anything to do with the municipality, that's the way we've always handled it."

Ultimately, the vote on the waiver of the fees was divided along the same lines as proceeding with the project itself, with Carter, Sayne and Hughey opposed, and Neville, Councillor Ron Nesbitt, Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell and Mayor Brent Devolin in favour.

The demolition of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena got underway May 1, as the Township of Minden Hills begins a \$13-million project that will include the construction of a new arena, gymnasium, and a refurbishment of the Minden Hills Community Centre. The project is scheduled to be completed for fall of 2020. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Minden Hills has applied for a loan of up to \$12.5 million from Infrastructure Ontario to cover the bulk of the project's costs, with a stipulation that loan advances in excess of \$11.9 million come back to the council table for approval.

The project is scheduled to be completed by fall of 2020, in time for the 2020/21 ice season.



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Residents can take survey on community improvement plan

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors got an update on the creation of a community improvement plan for Minden during an April 25 meeting.

Councillors got an overview of the draft plan process from Stephanie L. Bergman of Stantec Consulting, the firm Minden Hills has retained for the creation of the plan. The process got underway last summer, with the establishment of a community improvement plan task force that includes a number of downtown commercial property owners along with township reps. A public open house was held in August.

As Bergman explained, a community improvement plan allows council, through a bylaw, to establish a physical area wherein the township can offer financial incentives to private property owners – both residential and commercial - for physical improvements to their properties.

"Normally, municipalities through the Municipal Act are prohibited from actually contributing funds to private properties," Bergman said, explaining that a section of the Planning Act allows councils to create a framework to do that, through the creation of community improvement plans. "It's a tool that allows council to offer grants and loans for the purposes of physical improvements to private property."

The idea is that the improved aesthetics of a community encourage more visitors and enhance its economic development opportunities.

'The big thing that we've heard . . . the downtown buildings, they just need a bit of a facelift," Bergman said, adding there are also quite a few vacant buildings and properties throughout Minden's downtown and neighbourhood surrounding the downtown that and neighbourhoods immediately outside. could benefit from new uses.

back about the lack of rental housing in Minden, and said that more gateway signage and infrastructure along Highway 35 would be beneficial to the downtown.

"We know this is a main thoroughfare to so many cottaging areas further north," she said.

The draft community improvement plan will also draw on the Minden Village Development Master Plan, a document produced for the township by AECOM Canada in 2014.

"The Minden Village CIP will be supportive of the public realm strategy included within the Minden Village Redevelopment Master Plan," a report from Stantec reads. That plan included suggestions for improved gateway signage along Highway 35, improved traffic flow, increased parking, improved pedestrian flow and beautification and revitalization of the downtown core.

The firm is also suggesting more cohesive streetscaping elements to make the walk "across the bridge" from the main drag toward the Minden Hills Cultural Centre more enticing.

"From the pedestrian experience, it seems like quite a far ways away to take that walk across the bridge to walk down to the library and the cultural centre, but in reality, it's really not," Bergman said.

An appendix part of Stantec's report includes an inventory of historic Minden buildings - some residential, some commercial and most dating between 1900 and 1930 - as well as an assessment of the current integrity of the

The firm is suggesting that the community improvement area - the area in which property owners would be able to apply for financial incentives - include Minden's downtown core

Residents are encouraged to take an online Bergman said the firm also received feed- survey regarding the community improvement plan by visiting https://mindenhills.ca/

community-improvement-plan-online-survey/ or for information, contact Minden Hills planner Ian Clendening at 705-286-1260, ext. 206.

App helps residents get garbage right

by SUE TIFFIN

Times Staff

Residents questioning how to rid their homes of old electronics, batteries, paint or styrofoam will soon be able to use an online search tool expected to make disposal at local landfills easier to navigate.

Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East will partner to launch the web-based waste information app, called the "Waste Wizard," that shares information about waste, waste diversion, waste disposal site operations and events to residents, according to Algonquin Highlands operations manager Adam Thorn and Melissa Murray, environmental co-ordinator.

The Waste Wizard app is already being used throughout Ontario, including by residents in Toronto, Sudbury, Whitby and Muskoka.

Besides offering information about proper disposal, the app also tracks how users engage with it, giving feedback to townships about searched items.

"That can help us address our landfill sites as well, if we're finding people are really looking for a certain item, maybe that means more education in the landfill, or more education in signage to show where these items go," said Thorn during the May 2 Algonquin Highlands council meeting. He added it was possible to customize an educational platform within the

app to offer information about landfill cards

The cost for the app increases with fewer lower-tier governments on board. The annual cost for the application, depending on which one is used, is approximately \$3,000, but is reduced to about \$750 with all four municipalities on board, \$1,000 with three municipality partnerships, or \$1,500 should two municipalities of the four sign up.

"The way budgets have gone in municipalities, unfortunately two of them won't be able to help out this year, they won't be able to join in," said Thorn, noting that Minden Hills and Dysart et al are interested in the app but might be able to join next year.

"Well, we like to be the change makers, eh, front of the pack?" said Moffatt, saying it was disappointing the other two municipalities couldn't join in terms of cost savings.

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen said she thought Minden Hills and Dysart might have questions about the application's viability, as well, despite a thorough presentation.

"Hopefully any concerns they have could be allayed over the year, and again, let someone else reinvent the wheel, if we're going to put it in place, also Highlands East, there should be some very solid feedback for them to get on board next year."

In Algonquin Highlands, the app could be in place by Canada Day weekend.





New reporter immersing herself in Highlands culture

by VANESSA BALINTEC Times Staff

After a three-and-a-half-hour drive from Brampton (longer than it should have been - I made a few mistakes along the way), my mom, grandma and I all piled out of our cars. The scenery filled with trees and lakes was a comfort during the ride, but once my grandma rushed to the washroom and my mom started unpacking my luggage, it finally sunk in that the trees and the lakes would be my new regular view.

"Are you sure you're ready to be alone?" my mom asked, sitting on my new single bed. Coming from a big family filled with screaming kids and cousins, she thought I'd be wanting to come back home the minute

she left.

"Of course I am."

My name is Vanessa Balintec, and after this summer, I'll be entering my third year of journalism at Ryerson University. I love everything involving literature and journalism, and if you ever catch me outside, it'll be when I'm trying out a new exercise or going for a hike. And even though I'm looking forward to my own space, I actually will miss home (that's for you, Mom and Dad).

Working for the Haliburton Echo and Minden Times is a perfect opportunity for me to explore my passion for travelling and meeting new people. All my life I've lived in big cities close to Toronto, surrounded by loud cars and tall buildings. If I got lucky, sometimes I'd be able to look up into the sky and pick out a few stars through the light pollution and clouds. This summer,

I'm looking forward to becoming a member of this community, making a big breakthrough in my career, and finally being able to spot more stars.

I'm excited to immerse myself in the community, grow as a writer, and bring new stories and ideas to the Echo and Minden Times. I'm truly grateful for the opportunity and I can't wait for what this summer has in store.

If you're sitting on a great story idea or just looking for a new friend, feel free to shoot me an email at vanessa@haliburton-

> Reporter Vanessa Balintec will be working for The Haliburton County Echo and the Minden Times this summer. /DARREN LUM





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On development charges

CHAD INGRAM

Reporter

HE COUNTY of Haliburton will be commissioning a study looking at the institution of development charges, and it's probably time.

Development charges are fees imposed by municipal governments on land developers, homebuilders and institutions when they build on an area of land. They would be paid at the time a building permit is issued. Those funds are then earmarked for specific, growth-related purposes. New development means an increase in population, and ongoing increases

in population create more demand for facilities and services. That could mean a new park, or a new fire hall. The legislation guiding development charges is fairly specific in what they can be used for, and includes a requirement that a service must incur increased capital costs as a result of new development.

In the case of the upper tier of the County of Haliburton, this applies to many of the services it provides – think roads, libraries, EMS. Under the legislation, the county's lower-tier governments, should they wish, could create their own development charges bylaws.

Development charges are bound to be unpopular with some in the community – builders, of course, come immediately to mind. It's also possible that realtors may not be huge fans of the concept, or anyone building a new home, for that matter. With development charges becoming more and more widespread in municipalities throughout Ontario, it is possible that the county's lack of them has been attractive to developers who've built in the community in recent years.

However, according to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, development charges, which would apply only to new homes, make up a relatively small portion of the cost of a new house – typically between five and seven per cent.

The provincial government is conducting consultations aimed at increasing the housing supply in Ontario, and development charges have been identified as one of a number of potential barriers to home ownership. However, according to the AMO, "development charges are not a root cause of the affordable housing and supply challenge in Ontario."

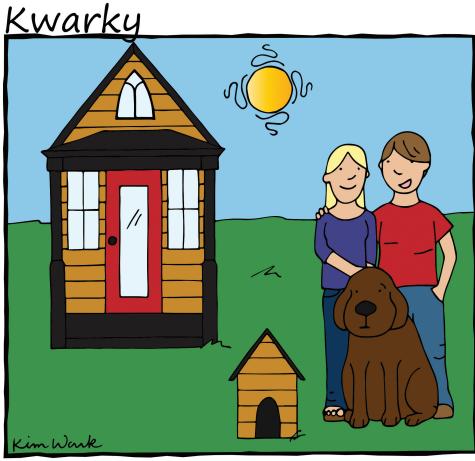
Further, the AMO contends

reductions in development charges would not necessarily correlate to lower housing prices.

"In addition, experience has taught that [development charge] reductions are not passed on to the home buyer," reads an January 2019 submission from the AMO regarding the

provincial consultation. "For example, Ottawa experimented with offering [development charge] concessions in a specific area. The concessions offered did not lower the price of housing compared to other areas in the city. In the GTA, on the border of two municipalities, with different development charge programs, the municipality with three lower [development charges] in fact has higher housing prices."

Municipalities are restricted in their revenue-generating tools, the main vehicle being the property tax. As the county's population continues to grow, and as new spending pressures become evident – the county's land ambulance costs are about to increase substantially due to a provincial merger of ambulance services, for example – the introduction of development charges could help reduce the burden on the general tax base.



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Running water

FEW WEEKS ago I was given a really neat piece of camping gear – an in-line water filter that is capable of filtering 100,000 gallons of water to 99.9999 percent purity. That's cleaner than the water that comes out of my faucet at home and more water than I'll probably drink on any one outdoors excursion. After all, I don't want to be up every half hour.

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Not to put too nostalgic a point on it, but this is just another example of how camping is very different these days.

In the old days, after the water you brought along in your surplus canteen leaked out, a good camper would do one of three things. He'd drink water straight from the

lake, pond or stream; he'd collect some water from the lake, pond, or stream and add a purification tablet to it; or he'd boil any water he collected. Boiling made the bark, particulates, parasites, viruses and invertebrates just a little more tender.

Whether you drank it straight, boiled it or added purification tablets, you would ensure the water was potable with the simple phrase, "Here, have a cup of water."

Then you would watch and wait.

These new water filtration tools ensure that you will never have to drink from the lake, boil water to purify it, or use purification pills again. The good news is this frees up a lot of watching and waiting time.

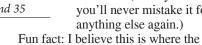
I'm not complaining either. In fact, I truly appreciate how modern technology is making everything easier, but I also think this new generation of campers is missing

out on one of the most memorable parts of a camping trip – Montezuma's Revenge.

OK, technically it wasn't Montezuma's Revenge unless you were camping in Mexico when you drank the water, but the end result (pardon the pun) was the same.

Basically, you'd know someone in camp was suffering because a panicked voice would break the stillness of the night and say what sounded like "What SOB used pine pitch to glue my #@!% sleeping bag

zipper shut?" This would be followed by what sounded like the violent rending of cloth and down, followed by the sounds made when someone runs right through the side of a tent, trips over a guy line, stubs their toe on a big rock and runs flat out into a tree on their way to the camp outhouse. (Once you hear it, you'll never mistake it for anything also again)



Of course, not everyone has a cast iron stomach, so there is a slim chance it could have been your cooking too. But the odds are pretty good it was the water you insisted was "clear enough to drink, once you get rid of these floaty things."

phrase running water originated from.

In any case, now that questionable water has been taken out of the camping equation, we're all going to have to work a bit harder to create colourful stories worth telling. Luckily, we still have bears and snakes to work with.

All things considered, guaranteed clean water is probably a good thing. And now there is no excuse for not having it on every trip. Unless, of course, you forget your coat.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

INOTHERWORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

A time for sane gun debate

THE HARD ROCK façade of The National Rifle Association (NRA) is starting to crack. And that's a good thing.

The NRA, the world's self-proclaimed No.1 defender of the right to bear arms, has become the No. 1 obstacle to stopping the never-ending gun violence in the United States. Its efforts to block sane gun control laws have extended into other countries, including Canada.

Now there are signs that some of the NRA's four to five million members are beginning to question the association's reason for being. There is growing conflict inside the NRA over whether it has wandered far from its original mission of promoting shooting sports and gun safety.

The NRA is no longer a shooting sports and gun safety organization. It is a far right wing political party with only one goal: Elect and influence politi-



JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

cians who will oppose any gun control legislation that will reduce the gunshot slaughter in America's streets, homes, schools and houses of religion.

There have been roughly 17,000 gun violence incidents in the U.S. during the first four months of this year. That's more than 4,000 a month, 140 day, or six every hour. Roughly 4,500 persons died in those incidents, another 8,300 were injured.

Doubt my figures? You can find them documented at www.gunviolencearchive.org. The site includes a U.S. map with red dots indicating locations where gun violence has occurred. The map

looks like the back of a child infected with measles.

Cracks in the NRA's stern, uncompromising attitude were seen at its recent annual convention in Indianapolis. The NRA board ousted Oliver North (he of the 1980s Iran-Contra scandal) as president because of feud between he and Wayne LaPierre, the organization's chief executive.

The NRA has deep financial problems and its tax exempt status is being investigated by the state of New York, whose attorney-general has called it a terrorist organization.

The NRA was founded after the U.S. civil war as a sporting club dedicated to teaching marksmanship, gun safety and promoting hunting. But in the 1930s it got into lobbying, even supporting limited gun control.

All that changed in the 1970s when new leadership opposed to federal gun controls changed its main purpose into lobbying for gun rights and fighting gun controls. And, they did it in a loud, uncompromising way.

Charlton Heston, the actor and NRA president, became famous for his use of the phrase "from my dead, cold hands," implying that's the only way the government would take his gun.

NRA messaging has become even more aggressive since. NRA spokeswoman Dana Loesch has said the NRA bears no responsibility for curbing gun violence and has vigorously attacked Democrats and the news media.

In 2016 she called the mainstream media "the rat bastards of the Earth ... I'm happy frankly to see them curb stomped." Two years later when a guy with a shotgun killed five people in a Maryland newspaper newsroom she said she was not encouraging violence against journalists.

The NRA has a history of poking its nose into Canadian gun control debates. Heston attended a British Columbia Wildlife Federation meeting in 2000 and condemned our federal long-gun registry.

In 2005, an NRA strategist visited Canada to provide "political action" training in advance of an upcoming Canadian federal election.

Our federal government now is studying whether and how to ban handguns and semi-automatic weapons. Despite its mounting problems, the NRA no doubt is again providing long-distance advice to Canadian anti-gun control

Canadians don't need any connection to the NRA, certainly not until its internal civil war returns it to its original mission of promoting sport shooting and gun safety.

The United States and Canada – in fact every country – needs effective and reasonable gun controls. This can be achieved through civil and informed debate with all sides willing to compromise, not with the mad-dog rhetoric of the NRA or other gun rights groups.

Step One here in Canada surely has to be recognition that smuggled, illegal guns are a main cause of gun violence in our country. Step Two should be recognition that shooting sports are an important part of Canadian life and need to be protected from uninformed and unreasonably harsh calls of "ban all guns" advocates.

For those long drives

LIENTS OF mine travelled to Florida by car this year. Before heading off they asked my advice on what to do to minimize the body stiffness that comes with driving for long periods. They returned with a story about a stranger approaching them offering help to push their car. The car was fine. They had their hands on the trunk of the car do their calf stretches.

The stranger was relieved to hear that and commented, "never seen an Audi that needed a push."

Driving is hard on our bodies. No matter how far you're going it adds to your daily "sitting" time. Research links sitting for long periods with a variety of health concerns including increased blood pressure, cardiovascular disease and overall body soreness. The frustrations of traffic or bad weather increase

anxiety so the perils of that can be put on the list as well. Many, many years ago I drove from

Ontario to British Columbia with a friend and we agreed that we'd switch drivers every two hours whether we were tired or not. That worked unbelievably well. It meant that the driver didn't get overly tired, and that we got out of the car and stood up at regular intervals. It turns out it was both a safe and healthy option. That was long before sitting

was deemed a disease.

If you have some long drives in your future here are some ideas for you to incorporate:

- Stop every two hours to walk and stretch, especially your lower body (please contact me for a list of stretches to do).
- Drink water to stay hydrated. This will keep you more alert and it will give you a reason to stop regularly.

· Pack healthy snacks that you can eat at your rest stops. Staying nourished keeps you alert. Sliced up apples and some nuts are a great choice.

The other part of the equation is when you get to your destination. Be sure to move around before you pull the suitcases from the vehicle. Many a vacation has been ruined by a strained back that was the result of grabbing a heavy bag

after being idle for too long. Any kind of movement will get the blood flowing and the muscles/joints mobile again. I appreciate doing Jumping Jacks at the gas station make look kind of weird but if enough of us start doing it, it will become the norm.

Something to think about.

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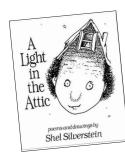
Are you looking for fun, interesting, inside work for the summer? Would vou like to learn about Dorset's history while doing it? The Dorset Heritage Museum is looking to hire a student to assist them with computer work, greeting guests and learning about our local history and heritage, while working along with the volunteers to make the museum a memorable place to visit this season. Duties include meet and greet, data processing and light housekeeping. Training will be provided. Dates required are June 12 to Aug. 25, Wednesdays to Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Resumes can be sent to Kerry Lock, Dorset Heritage Museum chair at dhm@ muskoka.com or 1040 Main Street, Box 111, Dorset, Ontario POA 1E0.

The ice may be (mostly) out on Lake of Bays now, but people are being advised not to put their boats in just yet, and if you absolutely must, to please go slow to avoid further damage to docks, boathouses and shorelines. The wake your boat creates can be harmful as water levels are still up from the recent flooding. If you do go out in your boat, keep an eye out for floating ice and debris, as many property owners are reporting missing docks and ramps. If you've lost or found floating property the Dorset and Kawagama Lake Facebook pages are great places to post information so they can be reconnected with their owners.

Don't forget about the Mother's Day Dinner at the Dorset Rec Centre on Sunday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Happy birthday to Bill Johnson, John Shepherd, John Thompson, Patrick Sabourin, Alan McMullen and Norm MacKay. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.

Jr. Book of the Month - May



Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein

Here in Shel Silverstein's attic, you will meet Cloony the clown, Ticklish Tom, Sour Face Ann, the Meehoo with an Exactlywatt, and the Dragon of Grindly Grun. You will talk with Broiled Face, learn How Not to Have to Dry the Dishes, find out what happens when Somebody steals your knees, and debate on what you should do with a 42-year-overdue library book.

From the creator of Where the Sidewalk Ends, Falling Up, and The Giving Tree comes A Light in the Attic, a light-hearted collection of silly poems and goofy drawings that are the perfect fit for bedtime stories or reading aloud. Check it out today from the Haliburton County Public Library!

Permeable paving offers environmental benefits

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

The Coalition of Haliburton County Property Owners' Association is encouraging any property owners who are undertaking paving projects on their properties to consider the use of permeable paving.

"In the Lake Simcoe area, permeable paving is becoming almost mandatory," CHA board chairman Paul MacInnes told county councillors during a recent meeting.

Permeable paving is a method of paving that allows for the infiltration of liquids. In this way, the pavement reduces runoff and actually acts as a filter of contaminants such as phosphorous.

Phosphorous is public enemy No. 1 when it comes to lake health in Haliburton County and is the culprit behind algae blooms. When large enough, algae blooms not only make lakes unsafe for swimming, but also, in severe cases, render them effectively dead. There was one confirmed algae bloom in Haliburton County last summer, and eight

Credit Valley Conservation conducted a case study on

IMAX office in the Sheridan Business Park in Mississauga.

"The parking lot was expanded and retrofitted with a combination of traditional asphalt and permeable pavement," the report reads. "The asphalt runoff drains to one of three bioretention units. The permeable pavement section is divided into three catchments with differing subsurface materials. The parking lot runoff is collected, absorbed and filtered by these LID [low impact development] practices before entering a wetland adjacent to the parking lot."

The data shows a substantial load reduction in contaminant levels from the portion of the parking lot done with permeable paving. The test sites showed up to a 99 per cent reduction in suspended solids (small particles suspended in water); 98 per cent reduction in phosphorous; 98 per cent reduction in Kjeldahl nitrogen (total concentration of organic nitrogen and ammonia); 94 per cent reduction in nitrates; 98 per cent reduction in copper; and up to a 99 per cent reduc-

"As part of adaptive management, stormwater management has evolved over time from flood control requirements, to water quality and erosion requirements, to water balance requirements," the report reads. "The cost and complexity of these engineered system has increased. In light of the current spotlight on climate change and aging

in 2018. One of the test sites used was the parking lot of an infrastructure there is growing awareness that stormwater management has become more than just treating a storm event, it's also about maintaining stream flows during dry weather periods for wastewater assimilation, fisheries, and water takings.

"Results from IMAX and other similar performance studies will provide private land owners and municipalities with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions on the role of green infrastructure for stormwater management. They are essential to gain insights into preferred designs and advancements which may be needed to meet stormwater management and other objectives cost-effectively. This data can help inform the planning and implementation processes required for green infrastructure, such as informing the credit application process for the City of Mississauga's stormwater charge. Studies such as IMAX are also providing the local, long-term performance data needed to conduct the integrated life-cycle analysis required for asset management, including tracking operations and maintenance activity need, frequency and cost."

While permeable paving is currently more expensive than regular paving, MacInnes also noted that along with its environmental benefits, it is not subject to the heaving and cracking that comes along with regular paving, and is therefore more durable as well. The only contaminant that permeable paving does not seem to filter out is road salt.





Demonstrators protest cuts

Demonstrators assembled outside MPP Laurie Scott's office in Lindsay on May 1 to protest cuts to programs and services. Organizers say 18 Haliburtonians carpooled to the protest. /Photo submitted by Bonnie Roe



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Go-kart track reopening May 18

The new owners of the go-kart track south of Minden are inviting the public to come by for the grand reopening event on Saturday, May 18.

Experience Adventure Fun Park, owners John and Alisa Dermott say they hope to eventually include new attractions in addition to the go-kart track, mini-golf and batting cages.

The Minden Experience will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on May 18 with a ribbon cutting ceremony at noon. They are located at 1063 Ravine Road off Highway 35.

Places for People seeking board members

Haliburton County-based non-profit housing organization Places for People is seeking new members for its volunteer board as it expands into new project areas.

"We have some significant new projects that we are doing feasibility studies on," Places for People president John Rogers says in a media release. "We have long been aware of the critical need for affordable rentals, and are excited about a few new opportunities that have come our way to be able to provide this for our citizens. Because of these new opportunities, we will be seeking expertise in several areas, such as construction, real estate, financial and risk management, and project management. We are encouraging people in the community to join us, and lend their expertise to these exciting new projects."

Places for People owns and leases several residential properties in the county, and is working on its eighth rental unit, set for occupancy this June.

Those interested or seeking more information are asked to contact Christine Cochrane at 705-754-4980 or email ccohrane1@live. com.





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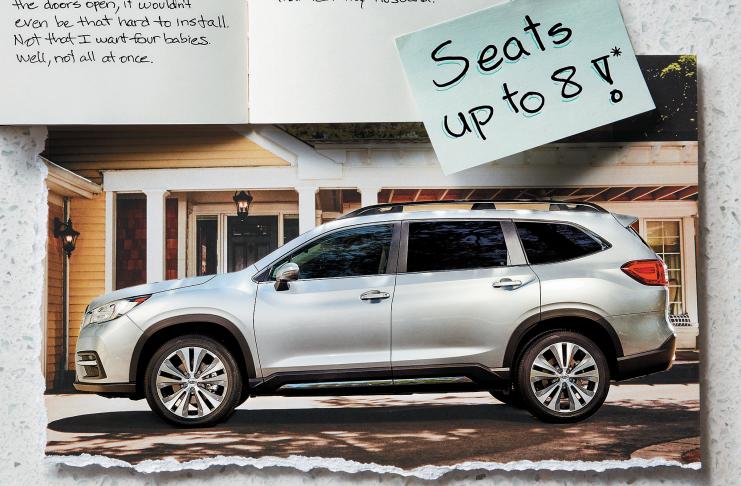
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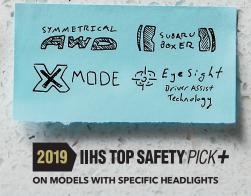






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Bookstore owner didn't 'sweat the small stuff'

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

To many, Paul Reng was a mainstay on Main Street.

He was generally a quiet man, and largely kept to himself, until, that is, a patron browsing in his Minden bookstore asked about a particular title.

At that point, Reng would become quite engaged, discussing in great detail the author or the topic, and doing what he could to access that book or further information for his

The owner of Minden Book and Stationary, who opened the shop in 1989, died unexpectedly of natural causes on Dec. 2 last year, just 16 days short of his 61st birthday.

Born in 1957 in Doncaster, northern England, Paul was the youngest child of Czeslaw, an engineer, and Margaret Reng, a fashion store operator and homemaker, and a baby brother for Sonya Holliday-Rhodes, who was 12 when he was born.

"He was a cute baby," said the Minden resident. "You should see the hair he was born with.'

A baby blue record book kept for Reng after his birth is in near-perfect condition, detailing the name of the nurse who attended his birth, pictures of him as a baby in a pram outside, and with a lock of his hair carefully saved in a small plastic bag on one of the

Holliday-Rhodes babysat her little brother, when she was home, despite his mischievous nature and joy in pranking her.

"That was the kind of little brother he was, he was always up to something," she said. "I would come home, after a date ... I would come home to find spiders in my bed. Spiders. If I see a spider these days, it's dead. My brother was one who would put them outside, let everything live. That was exactly Paul, let everything live, it's only got one life. Spiders in my bed!"

Though Reng retained his sense of humour, Holliday-Rhodes said he became significantly less of a practical joker and was often looking out for her throughout their lives, evolving into a model citizen.

She said he spent his teenaged years helping his family, going "out headbanging, and out for dates, and was always [working] un-

Like his father, Reng became an engineer, working with the International Harvester Company of Great Britain Limited in the 1970s. He volunteered with the Royal Observer Corps., a civil defence organization



Paul Reng, Minden's longtime bookstore owner, died last December. Reng had diverse interests in his lifetime, as an engineer, a volunteer with the Royal Observer Corps, in studying astrology and war history, and in nurturing a close relationship with his sister, Sonya Holliday-Rhodes. Reng's celebration of life will be held next week./SUE TIFFIN Staff

that detected and reported aircraft over Great

In his 20s, Reng began having seizures and was diagnosed with epilepsy. Soon after, he followed his sister to Canada.

"He got so that he couldn't even talk," said Holliday-Rhodes. "He had so many grand mals. My dad got concerned that if anything happened to them, I'm the only one, so they sent Paul over for a year first."

Like his penmanship, Reng was meticulous in his work, foregoing engineering because of his epilepsy but working as a handyman under the name Minden House Maintenance - he worked on the extension on The Brown

"Our mother was the intense reader," said Holliday-Rhodes. "Paul always read information. He was a mind of information. Astrology, he knew everything. War ... he knew everything about war."

The first version of The Minden Book and Stationary Store, opened in 1989, advertised bargain books at up to a third off the suggested retail price from its Hwy 35 location next to Jug City.

"He sold what people wanted, he didn't judge anybody," said Holliday-Rhodes.

The store moved to Bobcaygeon Road in

the space next door to what was then the Village Chalet, and in 2005, Reng bought the building the store is currently located in, which has been offering 50 per cent off of everything inside since his death.

"Nobody knows how he managed," said Holliday-Rhodes, noting the low prices at the store and the seasonal nature of the town, "because he never borrowed a penny from family and friends. He denied himself luxuries in life. He lived in a modular, he was careful with his money and paid all his bills. He just managed things very well."

On two occasions, Reng's bookstore suffered attempted robberies.

In March 2012, he encountered a would-be thief at the shop, burrowing his way through the wall of the store. Recalling the incident, Reng told the Minden Times he told the person he was going to call the police, and they got into a scuffle before exchanging blows and Reng ended up on top of the intruder.

"He spent a lot of his time in England at soccer matches," said Holliday-Rhodes. "He played soccer as well but he would watch it. He was a big soccer fan. And when he tackled this fellow, he said he was just thinking they were at a soccer game where they used to do that.'

Reng had health concerns apart from epilepsy, including heart disease and diabetes. About 14 years ago he gave up smoking, and began following a vegetarian diet.

"He used to phone me, I have to take a blood pressure pill in the middle of the night, about 11 o'clock," said Holliday-Rhodes. "Paul used to take his last pill about 11, and every night he'd phone me in case I'd fallen asleep and say, 'take your pill.' Every night. Every night.'

Reng was also an artist, with a talent for pottery and outdoor photography, and a love of nature and animals. A portion of his estate will be donated to charities concerned with ocean conservation and animal rescue.

"There was so much more to him," said Holliday-Rhodes, as she sifted through mementos of Reng's life stored in boxes in her living room: a photo of his beloved dog, an old history class workbook with neat handwriting, a Polaroid of Reng at the white water rapids in Minden, an old book in pristine condition, snapshots of adventures at the bowling alley, of him skiing, of him at the top of the CN Tower, of him at the beach with her, his only sister. She has slips detailing his donations to children in need overseas, hundreds of concert tickets showing Reng saw bands like Pink Floyd and the Rolling Stones, and an old telescope in the original box.

"He had a really good side to him," she said. "He got around to a lot of stuff that I thought I might get around to but never did."

Bookstore patrons have been sharing stories and support with Holliday-Rhodes since Reng's death, including numerous dog owners whose dogs pulled them toward him, and readers who loved discussing books with Reng whenever they stopped in.

"He had it right, you know," said Holliday-Rhodes. "And I didn't. His favourite saying, whenever I got upset over stupid things, was don't sweat the small stuff, Sonya. He would repeat that. And now, if I find myself getting upset about some trivial thing. I say, OK Paul, don't sweat the small stuff. And I think a lot of people should hear that. He tried to concentrate on the bigger things in life, the more important things.'

A celebration of Paul Reng's life will take place on Thursday, May 16 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church at 19 Invergordon Avenue, interment at Minden Cemetery. All are welcome.



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ATV ride supports survivors of breast cancer

by VANESSA BALINTEC

Times Staff

With ATV and snowmobile rides, the Kelly Shires Foundation works hard to raise money for breast cancer survivors.

On May 4, groups of pink-clad men and women drove their ATVs down Haliburton County trails for their Pink Ribbon Ride and 10th TraX4 Breast Cancer event.

Suzy Stenoff, co-founder of the Kelly Shires Foundation, says it was a big move to host their 10th anniversary in Haliburton.

"For nine years we've hosted the event in Parry Sound," said Stenoff. "This was huge for us to move to Haliburton for our 10th anniversary, and it was hard because Parry Sound was a place Tracey chose."

Tracey Guthrie, co-founder of the TraX4 event, passed away shortly after their seventh event and a 19-year battle with breast cancer. But despite the difficulty, Stenoff said the move to Haliburton has been great.

"We are very happy being here in Haliburton," said Stenoff. "Pinestone Resort has been amazing, local ATV groups and local companies have been so supportive all the way around."

The event went forward with Tracey in mind as volunteers rode to raise money to help financially support breast cancer survivors. Proceeds will go toward men and women breast cancer survivors across Canada, to help with things that health insurance programs do not cover. Wigs and prosthetics, rent, food, and transportation costs are things Lindsay Draper, volunteer organizer of the event, says are some of the many hidden costs breast cancer survivors face.



We are the only charity of our kind in Canada that financially supports men and women who are going through breast cancer.

— LINDSAY DRAPER

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"There are so many hidden costs, it's unbelievable," said Draper. "We are the only charity of our kind in Canada that financially supports men and women who are going through breast cancer. It's to give those who are fighting some dignity."

Todd Watling, volunteer trail co-ordinator, says the event

was a great opportunity for men to participate. "Usually when it comes to breast cancer, men aren't so involved. Whereas in this one, it's the opposite – everybody's involved."

The TraX4 Breast Cancer ATV ride raised \$42,000 with 40 participants and 29 bikes. The organization hopes to come back to Haliburton in the future.





Above, this year's event had the most new riders they've ever seen. The foundation hopes to keep growing and getting more participants each year. /VANESSA BALINTEC Staff

Left, participants in the 10th TraX4 Breast Cancer ride enjoy romping around with their side-by-side in the mud. Photo provided by Lindsay Draper.

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update offers 'good news'

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt delivered a flood update to council for fire chief Mike Cavanagh, away at a conference during a May 2 meeting.

Moffatt said Cavanagh had been on daily conference calls for weeks with the TSW and Parks Canada.

"I jumped on those calls a couple of days ago when the water seemed to come a little higher," said Moffatt. "As everyone knows there was a short period of concern for us but we seem to have dodged that bullet."

Moffatt said the municipality had been addressing concerns around water levels for a number of years, in terms of infrastructure such as bigger culverts and deeper ditches, which might have helped keep rising waters back from areas historically known to have

"We'll keep working on mitigating or adapting to those changing patterns," she said. "I think it's pretty clear that we're, in Algonquin Highlands though the world

seems to be flowing downstream around us, all around us, we did pretty well this year so it's good news."

She thanked staff including Adam Thorn and the public works team and the fire department for both tending to area concerns and volunteering with the sandbag efforts in Minden.



As everyone knows there was a short period of concern for us but we seem to have dodged that bullet.

> — ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS **MAYOR CAROL MOFFATT**



Algonquin Highlands flood | Waiting for federal approval on EORN cell gap project

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

A mobile broadband expansion project planned by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, which is owned by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, just needs approval of the federal funding portion of the project to get underway, says Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin.

Devolin, who was recently appointed to the EORN board, was at a meeting between members of EORN, the EOWC, chief administrative officers and MPs from throughout eastern Ontario in late April.

A public-private partnership, the project, designed to fill in cellular connectivity gaps throughout the region, has an estimated price tag of \$213 million. Of that total cost, \$10 million is budgeted to come from the EOWC, along with the separated city governments within its area; \$71 million from the federal government; \$71 million from the provincial government; and \$61 million from the mobile provider companies themselves.

Haliburton County will spend up to \$565,000 on the project.

The Wynne government committed to the provincial \$71 million, and that funding was approved by the Ford government in its recent budget.

"The project was forwarded to the federal

government, as we go through the province to be sponsored, then go on to the feds," said Devolin. "So that has happened."

All the rest of the project's funding is in

"This has been a two-year journey," Devolin said. "Every piece but one is done, and that's for the feds to approve it."

Devolin said there were both Liberal and Conservative MPs in attendance at the meeting, where normally a number of issues would be discussed.

"There was only one," he said. "This was the only one. They were kindly told by a few people, including myself, to put their partisan things away, that this is the only thing that we wanted, with a bullet, and after that, the silence was deafening. The MPs commented that they clearly understood what we were saying to them."

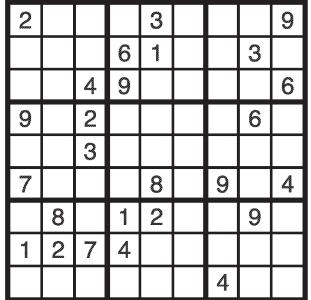
With a federal election coming up in October, rules go into place, similar to lame duck rules for municipal council in an election year, placing spending restrictions on the government. Devolin said it's critical that the federal funding be approved before a date in

"If it does not, it probably will delay the whole thing 18 months," he said.

There are still large swaths of Haliburton County without access to reliable, mobile internet. The project will include the construction of a number of new communications towers.

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Answers on page 18



Haliburton Highlands Health Services Now Seeking **Community Representative for Board Quality Committee**

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is seeking a community-minded individual to serve on the Quality Committee of the Board of Directors.

HHHS operates facilities in Minden and Haliburton, providing hospital (emergency services, acute care, and palliative), long-term care, and a wide variety of community programs.

The Quality Committee of the Board is responsible for:

- Assisting the Board in the performance of its governance role in the quality of patient, resident, and client care and services;
- Overseeing the development of the organization's annual Quality Improvement Plan, and regularly monitoring progress on the indicators included in the plan;
- Promoting a culture of excellence and accountability throughout HHHS for clinical services and human resources;
- Overseeing organizational structure, implementation, and efficacy of strategies in these areas; and
- Performing additional functions as required under the Excellent Care for All Act, 2010.

The HHHS Board strives to bring together a group of individuals with knowledge of the community; all property owners and tenants in Haliburton County who have been patients or family members of patients of HHHS are welcome to apply. The Committee generally meets on Monday mornings, six times per year between September and June.

If you are interested in assisting us as we continue to deliver high-quality care and services to our communities, we would like to hear from you by June 7, 2019.

For further information and an application package, please contact Carolyn Plummer via email at cplummer@hhhs.ca or by phone at (705) 457-2527.



Hike for Hospice raises funds for community program

The annual Hike for Hospice event took place on May 5, 2019. Dozens of participants walked along Head Lake Park to help raise awareness and funds for HHHS hospice and palliative programs. /VANESSA **BALINTEC Staff**



PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Koabel Lot 6, Concession 10, Kabakwa Lake Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 6, Concession 10, Kabakwa Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 6, Concession 10, Kabakwa Lake, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 6, Concession 10, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10227.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 16th day of May, 2019 and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: May 9th, 2019

Matt Gower Clerk

Township of Algonquin Highlands 1123 North Shore Rd. Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1

Tel: (705) 489-2379

Email: mgower@algonquinhighlands.ca



PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Thomson Lot 19, Concession 3, Beech Lake Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 19, Concession 3, Beech Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 19, Concession 3, Beech Lake, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 19, Concession 3, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10226.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 16th day of May, 2019 and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Applicants: Ablett/Walton Lot 15, Concession 2, **Boshkung Lake** Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 15, Concession 2, Boshkung Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

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The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 16th day of May, 2019 and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Turner Lot 9, Concession 1, Boshkung Lake Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 9, Concession 1, Boshkung Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

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FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 9, Concession 1, described as Part 2 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10228.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the **16th day of May, 2019** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: May 9th, 2019

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OSGA district 11 conveners come together

Times Staff

On April 25, only a few weeks before seniors from Muskoka and Haliburton County are set to compete in the OSGA 55 plus senior summer games for district 11, conveners for the district gathered for a luncheon meeting at Rhubarb Restaurant in Carnarvon.

District 11's Bev Kerr thanked them for their efforts in keeping the games going.

The conveners are responsible for organizing, scheduling, scoring, determining the final placings, and securing all materials necessary for running their event. The conveners were given this year's list of participants for their respective events as well as the gold, silver, and bronze medals.

The Haliburton/Muskoka District co-ordinator John Kerr on behalf of the executive, thanked the conveners for running the summer games coming May and June.

Among them was Donna Teravainen, a convener and registrar for the past 11 years.

She said her ongoing efforts come from how much the participants enjoy the experience.

There are so many seniors. They really look forward to it. They enjoy it," she said.

The Haliburton/Muskoka District of the Ontario Senior Games 55 plus run 12 summer events: bid euchre, bowling five-pin, bridge contact and duplicate, carpet bowling, cribbage, crokinole, euchre, golf, pickleball, shuffleboard, tennis and walking prediction time.

The retiree, who loves to volunteer, is also a regular participant. She competes in the card game events and pickleball.

"There's a lot of satisfaction. And some people are very gracious and thankful. ... [W]hen you get a nice compliment it makes it worthwhile," Teravainen said.

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed, she said. An ideal candidate for volunteering needs to be able to work with others.

After more than a decade working behind the scenes for the OSGA, she is impressed by organizers' effort.

What really stands out for me is the dedication of the people that work to make it all happen. It's incredible ... what



some people do," she said.

Teravainen has competed in the summer games since she was eligible. She said she loves the facility in Gravenhurst and the people, who are welcoming.

Provincial and national results

Forty-six Haliburton/Muskoka participants competed against 1,000 Ontario participants across Ontario from Aug. 10 to 12 in Mississauga last year. District 11 won six gold, two silver and one bronze medal in golf, pickleball and walking. The nationals were held Aug. 21 to 24 of last year at St. John, New Brunswick.

Nine Haliburton/Muskoka participants were on the Ontario team against nearly 2,300 participants from across Canada. District 11 won four gold, three silver and two bronze medals in golf, walking and discus throw. Winter Games were held March 5 to 7 in Huntsville. Forty-seven Haliburton/Muskoka participants competed against 1,000 Ontario participants. District 11 won one gold in Nordic skiing and one silver in the men's hockey 65+.

The board of executives congratulated the medal winners at the Haliburton/Muskoka District Summer Games and the 20 medal winners at the 2018 provincials, nationals and 2019 winter games. "Congratulations to every one of the 283 participants that competed in our district games. The Haliburton/

The District 11 executives and conveners for 2019 are from left, Carrol Williams, Mary Johnson, Donna Teravainen, John Kerr, Stuart Buck, John Teravainen, Susan Buck, Bev Kerr, Ilsemarie Tarte, Mike Johnson, Lorne Robertson, Doug McIntosh, Carolyn Dixon, Barb Duce, Bill Buckley and Lynne Briden. The group gathered followed their meeting on April 25 at the Rhubarb Restaurant in Carnarvon. Absent for the photo were Linda Cherry, Barb Winn, Jane Symons, Sandra Buckley, Kathie Porter, Beverly Johnson, Fred Krieger, Mary Douglas, Judy Smith, Pearl Cowen, Marianne Fenniger, Graham Hackwood, and Bob and Donna Gardner. /DARREN LUM

Muskoka District is one of the few Ontario districts that have increased in memberships. I feel friendly competition, socializing and having fun is what the senior games is all about," Kerr wrote in an email.



Request for Proposals

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is inviting sealed bids from those interested in submitting proposals for the following two projects:

- 1. Roof Replacement PWP-01-19.
- 2. Property Maintenance PWP-02-19.

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Community **Events**

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Haliburton: Food Handler Course

When: Thursday, May 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton.

This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577.

Highland Grove Community Centre Pancake Breakfast

When: Saturday, May 11, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Where: Highland Grove Community Centre Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Eggs, Toast, Coffee, Tea,

Adults \$8, Children \$6. Un der 5 years old are free Mothers receive a \$1.00 discount

Kinmount: Meet Your Community

When: Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Where: Kinmount Community Centre Come together to meet your community. Highlights include displays by community organizations, a free barbecue hosted by the Kinmount Artisans, giveaways, discount coupons, prizes and more.

Wild Leeks, Edibles, and Spring Wildflowers

When: Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. to noon Land Trust Discover Day: Barnum Creek Nature Reserve Early spring plants are a beautiful and welcome sign that the seasons are changing! Join Belinda Gallagher to explore the woods and fields of Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. We will hike the trails, learn about the sustainable harvesting of leeks, and observe many spring wildflowers. Admission by donation. Please register at www. haliburonlandtrust.ca.

Environment Haliburton AGM

When: Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m. Where: Fish Hatchery, Haliburton What: Environment Haliburton AGM. Following the AGM participants will be encouraged to join the wildflower walk hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, originating at the fish hatchery at 10 a.m.

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When: Tuesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m. Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George St.,

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Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group

When: Wed. May 15. Doors open 6 p.m.; speaker 7 p.m. Where: Lions Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden What: Tim Hagarty presents "The Lost Lodges & Resorts of Haliburton County'

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Fill the Boat

When: Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Where: Wilberforce Foodland

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Hockey team helps Heat Bank

Red Hawks hockey team coach Jason Morissette, left, player Alex Little and assistant captain Shawn Walker presented the cheque for \$251.30 to Heat Bank Haliburton County's Tina Jackson on Monday, May 6 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The donation was collected from spectators at Hawks' home games this past season as part of an outreach effort. The team also donated a day of volunteering by helping with wood splitting and organizing. Morissette said he hopes to repeat the outreach next season. Jackson appreciated the donation and said it will cover one volunteer driver's mileage for more than a month. /DARREN LUM Staff

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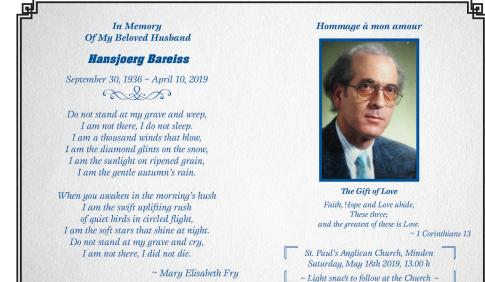
Daisy Downs

May 22, 1949 ~ April 25, 2019

On Thursday April 25th Daisy Downs passed away suddenly surrounded by her family and friends. Daisy will be missed by her husband Ray of 50 years, Children; Tricia (Colin) and Cheryl. Grandchildren; Tiffany (Josh), David (Michelle), Eliesha (Jon), Maxi and Tess. Great Grandchildren; Kianna, Mya and Elijah. Daisy was pre-deceased by her parents, John and Nancy Gayton and her brother John Gayton.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday May 11th at 11:00 am at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave., Minden. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to; St. Paul's Anglican Church, Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Association Inc.

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In Quotes

"While running headlong from a swarm of blackflies I did something that thousands of brilliant people do each and every day - I ran into a telephone

Steve Galea, page 7



Little women

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2004

The Queen's Jubilee on Sunday was a wonderful opportunity to step into the past. Minden residents Micheon Reay, 8, Laura Taylor, 8, and Alabama Reay, 7, got into the spirit by dressing up in pioneer outfits. We have more coverage of the successful event on pages 12 and 13.

Wanted: marketing genius for county

by MARTHA PERKINS

Times staff

The county is asking organizations to make a bid to market the Highlands for the next three years.

It was one of four proposals put forward to county councillors on Wednesday after Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney questioned the wisdom of automatically giving the contract to the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of

The Chamber will likely be one of the organizations expressing interest in the plan.

President Bob Hall says "I see this process as an opportunity for the county to understand the value that it has been receiving from the Chamber for the past several years. For example, the tourism marketing services have been provided by the Chamber as a community service by using volunteers in addition to staff, and with no mark-up on costs.'

He notes that tourism brings \$95-million

into the county each year so it's important for the county to be clear in its expectations of the

winning bidder. "In defining its bid guidelines," Hall says, "the county will need to decide whether it plans to continue offering tourist fulfillment services in addition to pure marketing. These include the annual Destination Guide, the operation of a staffed information centre, a I-800 telephone number, management of the county web site, and distribution of tourism brochures.'

Hall says that the Chamber will have to review the request for proposals before deciding whether to make a bid.

Rigney endorsed this proposal because it will end any questions of whether the Chamber is doing a good job with the dollars it receives from the county to act as its mar-

'There's always the element of distrust as to

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Don't throw out that can!

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI

Soon it will be illegal to throw a pop can

into the trash in Algonquin Highlands It will also be illegal to dump a week's worth of newspapers into the piles of garbage in the municipality's dumps.

In fact, residents of the township will soon be asked to separate plastic from paper, cans from glass bottles, recyclables from garbage.

All of this comes as a result of mandatory recycling, which will come into effect on June

What are the results of not following the

First warnings and then fines, council says. "The first year, the first six months for sure, will be a learning curve," Reeve Eleanor Harrison says, adding that the point is to encourage people to recycle, not to pay fines. Indeed, the municipality wants to stress education over fines.

"We are not out to turn people into criminals," Councillor Tom Gardener said during see WATCH page 2



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